

Whereas, it is with tremendous respect and admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of Show-Me State residents who have admirably dedicated their considerable energies to promoting the educational success of children in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Celestine L. Knox has attained distinction during an educational career which has spanned thirty-seven years; and

Whereas, Principal of Ralph Blevins Elementary School in the Rockwood School District, Celestine Knox will draw her productive service to a close on June 17, 2003, in retirement; and

Whereas, Celestine Knox brought to her leadership at Blevins Elementary a wealth of experience and knowledge gleaned from eighteen years in the Normandy School District and seven years in the St. Louis City School District; and

Whereas, during her twelve years at Rockwood and her quarter century of earlier efforts, Celestine Knox has developed and maintained an exemplary reputation through her receipt of such honors and accolades as the Rockwood School District ROSE Award, John M. Kastner Board of Education Award, and Superintendent's Certificate; an Apple for Teacher Award; the NAACP Excellence in Education award; and twenty-five-year service recognition from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; and

Whereas, an active member of Westside Missionary Baptist Church and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Principal Celestine Knox proved to be a significant leader in the opening of Blevins Elementary School and the establishment of an Accelerated Schools Program at Eureka Elementary School:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to commend the diverse leadership achievements garnered down through the years by Celestine Knox and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as she partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Celestine L. Knox, as an expression of our esteem for her and her educational labors.

Offered by _____
Representative Jack Jackson
District No. 89

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker